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His EXCELLENCY the Earle

*25<sup>c</sup>* of Leven: *25<sup>c</sup>*

Concerning the rising of the Scottish Army  
from the Seige of the City of  
HEREFORD.

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DECLARATION

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His Excellency the Earl

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A Declaration of his Excellency the  
Earle of *LEVEN*, concerning the rising  
of the Scottish Army from the siege of  
the City of *Hereford*.



Lest the mis-representation of our affairs at a distance, and the mis-constructions of such as want affection, might possibly beget a mis-understanding of the reality and sincerity of our intentions and desires, to be usefull to this Kingdome, and to improve every opportunity and advantage for advancing the Publike Service; I have thought it necessary to declare and make knowne the grounds and reasons of the rising of this Army from the siege of *Hereford*: Which are as followeth:

At our first undertaking of this Service we had large promises, for furnishing and providing our Army with Victuall and with all materials necessary for a siege; in both which we have beene exceedingly disappointed. Concerning the first, The Honourable Houses of Parliament did appoint 200*l.* *per diem* to be assessed upon *Here-*



*fordshire* and the adjacent Counties, to be paid to the Infantry of the Army, whereof they never received a farthing, but for the most part have been left to their own shift, and constrained to eat fruit and the Cornes that were growing upon the ground, and now for these sixe or seven moneths past, have received but one moneths Pay, which was advanced by the City of *London*.

As the Army hath been much discouraged for want of necessary Provisions for their maintenance, so the Service hath been exceedingly retarded by the want of battering Pieces and Ball, for we had onely from *Gloucester* three Gunnes of eightene pound Ball, and to each of them fifty Ball, so that we were forced to send to the Iron Mills to cause more Ball to be cast, which spent a great deale of time; we entertained fifty Miners, and when the Mines were brought to perfection, they were drowned by reason of eight daies continuall raine, the Towne being low in situation; Notwithstanding all which discouragements, after consultation with the generall Officers, Orders were issued upon Munday the first of this instant, to the severall Regiments, to make ready for a Storme against the next morning; but within a few houres after these orders were issued, there came a Messenger from *Evesham* with intelligence that the Kings Horse, being about 3000. had a Rendezvouze on *Broadway* and *Cambden-Hill*, and were marching to *Worcester*: This intelligence was immediately confirmed by Letters from the Committee of *Evesham*, and from *Gloucester*, to the Commissioners of Parliament, and from Colonell *Freeman* and Colonell *Devernux*, (who sent a Copy of a Letter which he had from one of his servants,) some of those Informations say the Enemy was 7000. others say 6000. and at least  
3000.

3000. All this could not have made us alter our former resolutions, but at the same time we received a Letter from Lievtenant Generall *David Lesley*, shewing that he was gone to *Scotland* with the whole Party of Horse and Dragoones under his command. In this conjuncture we were not a little perplexed how to carry our selves, for when we thought upon all the paines and hazard we had undergone, and the faire probability of our speedy compassing the end we proposed therein, we were very desirous to have continued in our resolutions, and the next day to have adventured a storme; but the Enemies Forces consisting in Horse and Dragoones, and we having no considerable strength of Horse to interpose betwixt us and their Quarters, which were so neere, that they might easily have assaulted us before our breaches could be made, and so have interrupted us in the midst of the action; It was generally conceived a very dangerous attempt, for if the Enemies forces should fall upon us before we could enter the Towne, it was the apparant ruine and destruction of the Army: And albeit we had been assured to carry the place before the Kings Forces could have come this length, (which by our intelligence we finde was not possible for us to do,) yet having no considerable strength of Horse to oppose the Enemy, all the waies and passages had beene close shut up by their Cavillry, all accommodation of draughts and Provisions of Victuals had beene totally cut of, beside many more inconveniences, from which we knew no way how to be relieved. For preventing of all which, and the preservation of this Army, for the Publike good of both Kingdomes, (which is the measure of our desires, and the end of all our Actions) after a full debate and serious deliberation, it was resolved by

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the Committee of both Kingdomes, residing with this Army, that the Siege should be raised, and thereupon orders were given for drawing off the whole body of the Army to the open Fields, which was accordingly performed next morning, without any losse upon our side, and the Enemy severall times sallying forth, both with Horse and Boat, were beaten back with the losse of divers, both Officers and Souldiers. These grounds and reasons impartially weighed, will evidence a conjuncture of necessities laid upon us for preferring the safety of the Army to the uncertaine event of a dangerous assault, in the now posture of affaires, when a cruell Enemy is master of the Fields in *Scotland*, and for these three weeks past, hath robbed, plundered and spoiled the substance of that Kingdome at his pleasure, destroying the Lands and houses of the well affected by fire, and imprisoning their persons, for all which he pretendeth no other quarrell, but the assistance given by us to this Kingdome, which as it was performed with much readinesse and cheerfulness, and no lesse expence in the hardest season of the yeare, and when this Kingdome was in its lowest condition: So we are confident to meet with the like kindness and cheerfull affection in the day of our calamity, when the Lord is pleased to hide his countenance from us for our sins and provocations against him.

LEVEN.

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Gentlemen,





Gentlemen,

**K** Nowing the great Importance, that the knowledge of the motion of the Kings Armie may be unto you, in discharge of our dutie; these are to signifie unto you That yesterday the Kings Armie kept their Rendezvouz neere Marton in Marsh, where the King was in Person: (since we heare he is gone to Oxford.) This morning his Armie Rendezvouzed upon Broadway-Hills, and are marching over Bidford-bridge, and thence to Worcester (as prisoners taken by us enforme us. Their Commanders in Chiefe, are Generall Gerrard, and Sir Marmaduke Langdale, their number about 3000 Horse, scarce any Dragoons; their Horse are much spent with their long marches: How farre this may concerne Hereford, is referred to your Judicious consideration, by

Evesham, 31 of  
August, 1645.

For the Honourable,  
the Commoners  
of Parliament of  
England, residing  
with the Scottish Army.

Your affectionate Friends and  
humble Servants

Edward Rouff.  
William Lingon.  
John Dormer.  
Sam. Knightley.  
Edward Smith.

Gentlemen,



Gentlemen,

**W** Ee have Intelligence but now, from the Committee of worcester, which we were by them desired to communicate to you, That upon Saturday last the Kings Armie kept their Rendezvous neere Marton in Marth, (where the King was in Person) That yesterday morning the King kept his Rendezvous upon Broadway-Hills, and did march over Bidford-bridge, and thence to Worcester, they were about 3000 Horse, few Dragoons, or none, their Horse much spent, Commanded by Langdale, and Gerrard: The King himselfe is gone to Oxford. The which having acquainted you with, we rest assured, that you will presently acquaint the Generall, with

GENTLEMEN,

Your loving Friends and Servants

Gloucester 1.  
of Septemb. 1645.

For our much honoured  
Friends, the Com-  
moners appoynted to  
assist the Scottish Army  
residing in Hereford-  
shire.

Tho. Morgan.

William Shepheard.

Henry Jones.

May





May it please your Excellency

**N**O sooner had I addressed my selfe to the obedience of your Commands in settling part of our Brigade in a ready posture to serve your Excellency, but I received this intelligence, That the Enemy fell upon Captaine Bernard and Captaine Ennes Quarters at Cambden, and tooke all their men but two, which brought me the newes thereof, they tell me that they march 6000. strong in horse, but neither traine of Artillery nor Infantry attending them. The smallest number I heare of is 3000. very able horse newly recruited out of the associated Counties, and joyning with Oxenford, Wallingford, Woodstock, Radfoord, Fannington, and Banbury Horse. I am uniting all the Foot possibly I may, and have drawne all my Horse to pursue the Reare, and if their Army come towards your Excellency, I will leave that pursuit, and draw all the Force I can to serve you. In the meane time I shall beg your Excellency to esteeme me

Corssour the first of  
Septemb. 1645.

The humblest of your  
Excellencies servant

EDW. FREEMAN.

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Honou-



Honourable Master :

**T**Hese are to certifie you that His  
Majestie came yesternight in-  
to Worcester, they say he hath 7000.  
Souldiers, the speech is amongst the Soul-  
diers, they are this day to goe to Cannon-  
Froom; if you please to send by this Mes-  
senger where I shall meet some other man  
to morrow morning, you shall have fur-  
ther Intelligence, and in the interim I will  
use the best meanes I can to further the  
businesse.

Septemb. 1. 1645.

Your servant

*Sic subs.* ¶

For Colonell Devereux.

May



May it please your Excellency :

**I** Did acquaint you formerly with my resolution to goe to Scotland, with foure Regiments of Horſe and a Regiment of Dragoones, and leave the reſt under the command of Generall Major Middleton ; but I am ſince forced to alter that reſolution ; for the ſad news of the laſt defeat of our Army neere Kilsith, and of the enemies being Maſter of the field at home being noiſed abroad amongſt the common Souldiers, they all openly professed that none of them would ſtay, but all goe for reliefe of their native Countrey. Upon which conſideration, and the confidence that Colonell Generall Poyntz professed to me, that with his owne and the reſt of the Countrey Forces, he was ſtrong enough to oppoſe the King. I have marched with the whole party for Scotland, expecting your further Orders, which ſhall be carefully obeyed by

Nottingham 26.  
August 1645.

Your Excellencies moſt  
humble ſervant

DAVID LESLEY.

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